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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, for which a petition to extend time for one month from October 16, 2003 to November 16, 2003 is enclosed, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.